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IN MEMORIAM

"Wisdom makes her sons
exalted, and lays hold of
those who seek her." -
Ben Sirach 4:11

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1970J "Winter 1912-Spring 1913"

ITALIANS FINALLY WIN FIGHT
FOR CONTROL OF BALKANS

The supply centers attributed
to "Russia" in the last issue are
of course Turkish.

ENGLAND: Builds A Lon, A Edi.
ITALY: Builds F Nap, F Rom.

ENGLAND (Richard Miller): F Bal-
Bot; F Mid holds; A Ber-Pru; A
Lon-Pic; A Bro S A Lon-Pic; F Eng
C A Lon-Pic; F Por-Spa(n.c.); A
Mun-Sil; A Norway-St.P; A Edi-
Bel; F North Sea C A Edi-Bel; A
Kie-Mun; A Ruh S A Kie-Mun.

GERMANY (Burley): A War-Ukr; A Mos
S A War-Ukr.

ITALY (Comber): F Ion-Gre; A Alb, A
Ser, & A Bul S F Ion-Gre; A Bud-
Rum; A Vie-Gal; A Tyr-Tri; F Nap-
Ion; F Adr S F Nap-Ion; F Rom-
Tyr; F Spa(s.c.)-Por; A Par-Bur.

TURKEY (Aita): F Aeg-Con; F Eas-
Aeg; A Gre-Bul; A Rum S A Gre-
Bul; F Sev-Bla; A Ukr-Sev.

Underlined moves are not pos-
sible. The Turkish A Gre is anni-
hilated. The deadline for "Fall
1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17
JULY 1971. A press release appears
on p. 10.

1970W "Winter 1910"

ENGLAND (Walker): Builds F Lon.
GERMANY (McCallum): Builds A Kie.
ITALY (Ward): Builds A Ven.
RUSSIA (C. Johnson): Removes F
North Sea.

The deadline for "Spring 1911"
moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JULY
1971. Press releases begin on p. 8.

1970BQ "Fall 1904"

ANGLO-GERMAN ALLIANCE BROKEN?

ENGLAND (Beshara): F Norwegian Sea-
North Sea; F Bal-Kie; F Eng S GERMAN
A Bel-Pic; F Iri-Mid; F Spa(s.c.)
holds; F Wes-Tun; A Norway-St.P; A
Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ukr-Sev.

FRANCE (Tretick): A Pic-Bel; A Gas-Mar.

GERMANY (Ver Ploeg, vice G. Jones):
A Bel-Pic; A War-Ukr; A Mar, F Pru,
& A Tyr hold.

ITALY (Gletty): F Eas-Aeg; F Ion-Gre;
A Tus-Pic; A Ven S A Tus-Pic.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Mischel): A Ukr-Sev;
A Rum S A Ukr-Sev; A Ser-Bul; F Tri-
Alb; A Vie-Tyr.

TURKEY (Vest): A Sev-Mos; F Bla-Con;
F Con-Smy; F Aeg-Gre; A Gre-Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible
Turkey retreats A Sev-Arm. The French
A Pic must retreat to Bre, Par, or Bur.
The direction of this retreat should
be sent in as quickly as possible, and
other players will be informed. Play-
ers may make their "Winter 1904" Builds
and removals conditional on the direc-
tion of the French retreat. The High
Combatant Powers now control the fol-
lowing supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nor,
Por, St.P, Spa, Swe, Tun. (11)

FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Mar, Mun,
War. (7)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Rum, Ser,
Sev, Tri, Vie. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Gre, Smy. (4)

England may build 3 new units,
Germany may build 2, and Austria-Hun-
gary, though entitled to build 2, has
only 1 home supply center free for a
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build. Italy and Turkey must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JULY 1971.

BERLIN: It simply looks like press releases will not be my forte in this game. Besides, why bother to create a creature that will not survive for the game anyway? As for all else, Bussy, I haven't written you once about this game at any time. If you have gotten assurances from me, you must have written them yourself.

ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

A few years ago, an author whose name slips my mind at the moment wrote a book entitled One Week in March. This book surveyed the first week of March 1933, when the United States and Germany inaugurated the regimes that were to bring those countries out of the Depression and ultimately into conflict with each other.

Eventually, somebody will do something of the sort with the week that has just ended - a week which has been full of enough major news stories to drive newsmen to distraction. We have just had:

1. The tragic deaths of three Soviet astronauts, whose re-entry capsule apparently depressurized as they were returning from 24 highly successful days in orbit. It is to be hoped that this accident does not lead to the termination of the promising efforts to establish a manned orbital laboratory.

2. The U. S. Supreme Court, or to be precise a desperately foolhardy six-man majority thereof, has upheld the newspapers who have printed the "Pentagon Papers". These papers, which showed just how Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson got the U. S. into the Vietnamese Civil War, will probably have no effect whatsoever in ending that war. However, their publication will probably have a very unpleasant effect on the newspapers who have defied our masters in Washington. For they are by no means in the clear, despite whoops of joy in their editorials. There will still be prosecutions against the newspapers and members of their staff for being in possession of stolen property - and since the stealing could be interpreted as involving espionage, the law under which Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed may be called into effect. Those people who put their trust in certain obsolete 18th-century guarantees will be painfully surprised to learn that they have ceased to be of effect. As those who have been aware of the Chicago 1968 and Washington 1971 situations are aware, the "First Amendment" is now a part of legal anachronism, along with ordeal by combat, mortmain, scandalum magnatum, and the constitutional requirement that war be declared only by act of Congress.

3. The attempted assassination of Joe Colombo by a Negro hired gun or fanatic militant (accounts differ) who was himself shot to death. What this will do to ethnic relations in New York is anybody's guess.

4. The expiration of the Selective Service Act - and the SS's determination to go ahead as if nothing had happened to its legal authority.

5. The first Australian aboriginal to make an international reputation has done so - on the center court of Wimbledon. Irene Goolagong may do more than all the tribal leaders of her people to ensure equality of treatment in Australia's notoriously racist society. Parallels with Jackie Robinson and Learie Constantine (who died this week) come to mind.

6. Miss Bernardette Devlin, M. P., announced her pregnancy - which may have the same effect on Irish nationalism as did the love affair of Charles Parnell and Kitty O'Shea some 80 years ago.

7. The first tentative contacts have been made between Israel and the USSR, towards an improvement of relations - with possible portentous consequences towards a Middle Eastern realignment. (See p. 4)

RUSSIA CEDES TURKEY TO AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Following the "Fall 1907" moves, Russia retreats A War-Ukr.

RUSSIA (Shuldiner): Removes F Syr, A Con, F St.P (n.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Nierenberg): Builds A Vie, A Bud, F Tri.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 12 JULY 1971.

Joe and Judy Shuldiner are expecting to leave on a jaunt to Europe. Assuming their plane confirmations come through as hoped, they depart July 6th and return August 21st, hopefully with an expensive birthday present for me. In Joe's absence, Dick Miller, 350 Central Park West, New York, N. Y. 10025; phone 222-9739, will temporarily replace Joe as Russia. The Shuldiners, with another couple, are planning to visit Paris, drive leisurely through the Chateau district to Madrid, bask on the Costa Brava and thence to the Holy Land, especially to see Jerusalem, the City of Peace. I've already reminded them there is a fantastic jewelry shop in the Mount Carmel Hotel, Haifa. The shop, if they are lucky, may have one or two original creations of Gideon Flanter, who is the exclusive jewelry designer to the Prime Minister of occupied Palestine (sic!) and makes all gifts of state for visiting dignitaries. Am still paying for the last bauble I bought there, but it is more than worth it. Now, lansmen, a birthday present made by Gideon Flanter, that's something an Arab can really appreciate.

1970BN

"Winter 1904"

GERMANY (Mischel): Removes F Bal.

RUSSIA (Buchanan): Builds A War, F Syr, P

ITALY (Model): Removes A Bud

TURKEY (Barents): Builds F Ank. (n.c.)

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 JULY 1971.

ILLISOLOWA: The translator today blamed the copy boy for the grammar, and spelling saying "he needs glasses A dictionary, an a Shave to keep the "moustache" out of his eyes. he went on to demid Any and All contact with the conspiracy that is doom-ing turkey.

BROOKLYN: "what do you want good grammar or good waste?" the Copy boy.

(Earlier press releases begin on p. 9.)

ACROSS-THE-BOARD GAME!

All Diplomacy players in the greater New York region are invited to an across-the-board Diplomacy session at the home of John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Play will begin at 1 PM, Sunday 11 July. Please phone (212-0X 3-1579) and let me know whether you'll be coming.

If you come by subway, take the D train into Brooklyn and get off at Beverly Road. This will put you at the corner of Beverly and East 16th St. East three blocks is East 19th St. Then turn right, go half a block, and you're there.

If you come by car, perhaps the best route is by the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway and the Prospect Expressway. This feeds you right into Ocean Parkway. Turn left at the first place where it is legally possible to do so, and that will have you heading east on Beverly Road. Go to East 19th Street and proceed as above.

Or, if you're driving in from Long Island, take the Belt Parkway west to the turn-off for Flatbush Avenue. Then turn right and go up Flatbush Avenue to Cortelyou Road. Turn left there, and right three blocks later at East 19th St. We're halfway up the block.

I have two complete Diplomacy sets, so as many as 14 players can be accommodated. There are also sets for Combat, Tactics II, Summit, Dynasty, Lensman, Xiang-qi, Go, and other games possibly of interest to Diplomacy players.

1970BN - EVEN LATER PRESS RELEASE

ST. PETERSBURG (6 Dec. 1904): Vladimir denied rumors of "preventive war" with England today. "History has shown the Russian navy has always been used for defense," he said, "albeit ineffectively."

A PEACE PLAN FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

by Rod Walker

[The editor wishes to observe that this article was sent in before the Soviet Union opened negotiations with Israel about a possible resumption of diplomatic relations...possibly with an eye to accomplishing by slightly different means the plan recommended by the author.]

[Wise-ass comments by the editor appear in the right-hand margin.]

Peace is not a product of wishful thinking, nor of happenstance. Like genius, it is 99% perspiration. In establishing peace, it seems to me that there are two cardinal rules.

1. The peace must be realistic. It must reflect the actual situation and not imaginary ones. The Peace of Versailles failed primarily because it was based on the following utterly false assumptions: that Germany had started the war, that Germany had been defeated, and that Germany was now a second-rate power. The world later paid a heavy price for believing such ludicrous notions.

2. The peace must be enforced. It is not enough to declare peace, to sign treaties, and "send the boys home". There are always those who will seek to upset the peace, to make war again. They must be stopped.

Why peace in the Middle East? First, because that unhappy area deserves a little peace. It has enjoyed (if that is the term) more than twenty years of Arab aggression, unspeakable Arab atrocities, and the usual fruits of the Arab political system: civil war, assassination, dictatorship, poverty, and hysteria. It is time to put an end to this foolishness.

Second, none of the Great Powers is directly involved. An effective peace is impossible so long as one of the Great Powers is opposed to it, as the United States opposes an effective solution to the Southeast Asian question.

Third, the Great Powers in fact have a community of interest in this question. This should make it easy for them to agree on a final solution.

The current disorders in the Middle East stem from certain conditions in the area which must be remedied.

First, Arab insistence on the destruction of Israel and the massacre of that nation's population, coupled with an almost inexhaustible supply of arms for the purpose from both America and Russia. This arms traffic must be stopped.

Second, the rivalry between America and Russia over the role of guardian of the Middle East. This rivalry must be resolved.

What are the realities of the situation which must be recognized?

In other words, we won't have peace just because ordinary slobbs like us want it.

Or maybe for not enforcing the terms of the peace. In hindsight we see that the Versailles Peace was not too harsh but too weak. After all, Germany rose again.

Yeah, and the USA doesn't even have 4 million Vietnamese voters. Final Solution???

Which Arabs? Particularly in 1971?

First, the right of the Jews to all of Palestine. Alone of all the ancient peoples who inhabited that land the Jews survive. The Canaanites, the Philistines, the Horites, the Hivites, the Amalekites - all are gone. The Jews remain. Their right has been recognized long since by the Powers. The Balfour Declaration and the Mandate of the League of Nations to the United Kingdom recognized this right in whole; the United Nations (and particularly the resolutions of 1947 and 1948) have recognized it in part. The Jews are de jure and de facto masters of Palestine. So be it.

Second, the Arab responsibility for the war. The first skirmishes of the war occurred as early as 1924, when the Arabs began to commit terrorist attacks on Jewish people and property. The war itself was begun in 1948 by the Arab states, who refused to accept the fiat of the Powers, through the United Nations. Repeatedly they have rearméd to continue the fight they had begun, preaching the annihilation of the Israeli people (do we hear Hitler applauding?), refusing to negotiate, pursuing a war which was without reason to the point of lunacy.

Third, the primacy of Soviet interests in the Middle East. It should be obvious that, from the point of view of geographical proximity and from that of her manifest paramount influence in major Arab states, the Soviet Union is far better able to administer the area than is the United States.

Fourth, the fact that Arabs and Jews will not cease to make war upon one another, until they have been deprived of the power to do so.

How do we achieve peace? It seems to me that only a thoroughgoing renovation of things, rigidly enforced by supernational agencies, will solve the problem. While some of the Arab states might not agree to the following plan of their own wills, they should be induced, by force if necessary, to do so.

1. Israel will be confirmed in full possession of all territories occupied as of 1 January 1971. That means all Palestine, the Golan Heights, and Sinai. Palestine is hers by right. The loss of the other territories will be apt punishment for the states who fomented and promoted this war in the first place.

2. The peace will be supervised by an international Commission composed of the USSR, (West) Germany, and Japan (decisions by majority vote). In order to make this more palatable to the USSR, the NATO could be dissolved, or Germany released from NATO, to make her a neutral. Further, Japan could sign an alliance with the USSR as well as with the USA (thus establishing a salutary community of interests between the Pacific Powers). The USSR, as Chairman, would have her primacy over the Middle East confirmed. At the same time, Germany and Japan would represent the European and Far Eastern interests in Middle Eastern oil (a commodity which the USSR does not need). France could, of course, be substituted for Germany, and India for Japan.

Yes, because the Jews wiped them out. Besides, the Canaanites still survive, only now we call them "Lebanese". Moreover this line of argument is an embarrassing one for a Paleface to raise!

The Arab-Soviet friendship is a consequence solely of US support for Israel. If the USSR & Israel make up, watch the Arabs become pro-American.

In practice, of course, this means a Russo-American war with Egypt... and probably with China.

Will we lose a state to Vietnam this way? And which state?

And if Komcito & the NDP come to power?

Particularly when they all jump China.

3. Israel and the Arab States will be totally disarmed, being left only with internal police forces. Such disarmament will be subject to the International Commission and confirmed by annual unlimited inspection. Thereafter, any disarmed state which attempts to rearm, or any nation which attacks any disarmed state, will be deprived of its independence and placed under United Nations trusteeship for not less than 20 years. For the first time in human history, it will be possible to place a nation "in jail" for rehabilitation if it breaks the law.

4. The peace will be enforced by a United Nations force raised and supported by the General Assembly (or the Security Council) but under the command of the International Commission. This force should be sufficient to repel invasions of the area and/or to put down large-scale armed rebellions. It could use arms confiscated under point 3.

5. The Suez Canal will be operated jointly by, and for the benefit of, Egypt and Israel. It will be managed by a commission composed of representatives of Egypt, Israel, and the USSR. Egypt and Israel will share expenses and benefits equally.

6. The Jordan River will be developed by a commission composed of representatives of Jordan, Israel, and the USA. The last is included because we have had the most extensive experience in the resolution of riparian disputes.

7. All Palestinian refugees will be given the choice of returning to Palestine or resettling elsewhere. Israel must accept all those who wish to return and must treat them as full citizens. Those to be resettled must be accepted by Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Iraq on the same basis. The decision, once made by an individual refugee, is irrevocable.

8. The Arab States will be excused from the payment of reparations which would otherwise be justly due to Israel. There is no sense in straining their puny, mismanaged economies.

9. Attempting to sell arms to any disarmed state will be defined as piracy under international law and draw the same penalties.

10. The disarmed states must unconditionally accept the International Court of Justice as the final arbiter of all disputes of an international character.

11. As an optional part of the settlement, the US should offer to withdraw the Sixth Fleet from the Mediterranean and to remove offensive weapons from Turkey, Greece, and Italy.

The most important facet of such a settlement is that it effects a radical alteration in the relationships of the Great Powers. In a sense, it is accepting a development which has been threatening to take place for some time, and it is probably a case of rape being inevitable leading to relaxing to enjoy it. Let me suggest some of the ramifications of this proposal.

First, it will markedly reduce world tension.

This only assumes a total and perpetual identity of interests among the world's 8 or 10 most powerful nations.

This was tried with Germany in '45. How did it work?

How would this force be paid when UN members won't pay dues?

Oh, you also recall that 1949 sell-out to Mexico on the lower Colorado!

But not, heaven forbid, by any of the nations actually imposing this solution!

Before the post-revolutionary governments throw them out?

A good deal of our difficulty with the USSR is our ridiculous determination to keep them out of everywhere, even places where they belong. They have long resented our large-scale influence in the Middle East - just as we would resent Russian control in Mexico. They regard it as unfair, with good reason. An American withdrawal would remove what I regard as the major stumbling block to amicable relations with the Soviet Union.

Second, it will tend to restore order to the Middle East. This is not only because the Arab-Israeli nonsense will be over, but because Russia will be the Great Power guardian there. As the Eastern European experience has shown, the Russians are efficient, if ruthless, in this role. A firm hand from outside is something the Arab states apparently need. Hopefully, the arrangements proposed will allow the Russians to play this needed strong role under conditions which will discourage the more unwholesome manifestations of national interest which occurred in Hungary and Czechoslovakia. It is of course doubtful in any event whether the Russians would be as interested in putting tanks in Cairo as they were in putting them in Prague.

Third, it will tend to alter the Soviet role in world affairs. This role has become far less aggressive over the past 20 years, owing to increasing Soviet security and enlarged Soviet responsibilities. Saddling them with such a large area, full of factious Arabs, should keep them as nicely tied down as any woman devoted to Mücho, Kircho, Kinder.

Fourth, it will tend to alter the American role in world affairs. Once we begin to give up the habit of being policeman to the world, it may be easier for us to cease playing that part in other areas where we are no longer needed: for instance, Europe.

Fifth, it will tend to alter the Chinese role in world affairs. One of the reasons that China is devoting most of her efforts to the Pacific theater is that this area represents the greatest threat. Russian hegemony in the Middle East, representing as it does a flank of China's west, will distract Peking's attention. This may allow us to take advantage of the rapprochement which seems to be developing and perhaps reach a peaceful settlement of some outstanding problems in the Pacific.

Sixth, and most importantly, it may help avert a world war. The prevention of World War III depends on three important factors: the maintenance of a balance of power, the progress of international disarmament, and the rise of supernational institutions of government. The proposed settlement refines the balance of power, and in so doing should render the USA and the USSR far more willing to discuss strategic disarmament. Anything that reduces tensions and solves disputes will help voluntary disarmament. At the same time, new supernational institutions and new concepts of international law will be brought into being, laying the groundwork for

This clashes with US policy as expressed in Public Law 86-90 - the partition of the USSR itself.

Yes, daddy.

Say - what happens if the Russians decide to do this unilaterally, using Israeli straw-bosses?

Have you found it so?

5 Presidents have refused to accept as the US "sphere of influence" anything less than the entire Earth.

"Balance of Power" diplomacy works only until the side on the higher pan decides to challenge the balance. Then things like World War I happen.

1970W - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON (31 Oct. 1910): With England's survival in the current war virtually assured, the gloom which has hung over King-Emperor Huon XVIII's realm for these past few years has begun to lift. Typical of the new spirit of optimism which is now to be found throughout the land is the celebration today of the natal day of Mme. Lucretia Borsha (formerly Bordsha), the Dowager Empress of Austria in 1966AA and Pope as Joan II. Her Holiness was on hand to bless the revels in Her honor, chanting, "Procreantes Omnes", a typical Xian injunction.

With the permission of Huon XVIII, Her Holiness read several bulls and decretals which:

1. Excommunicated Italy ("braaaaaazzzzz, thubbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbb")
2. Authorized abortion ("Some of Our best friends are abortions")
3. Encouraged birth control ("enjoy, enjoy")
4. Canonized Mary Magdalene ("the mistress of God")
5. Canonized Judas Iscariot ("necessity is the mother of profit")
6. Made a slight change in communion ("wine is fine, but sweet rolls are better than stale bread")
7. Made Mormonism canonical ("all angels are Moronic")
8. Abolished Lent ("who the hell cares?")
9. Renamed "Xmas" as "International Get Day" ("the Church must recognize the realities observed by its members")
10. Canonized Onan ("in honor of the Maronites")
11. Canonized Count Dracula ("He is Risen")
12. Canonized Julius II and Alexander VI ("they knew more about Popeing than anybody else We know")
- and 13. Declared the incorporation of "God, Ltd.", a joint stock company which would deal in "God" sweatshirts, "God" wristwatches, train tickets for the "God Flyer" to heaven, and which would produce a television series, "Here Comes De God", a family-situation comedy about a deity and his common-law wife, their bastard son, her legal husband, and all their fun doings around the Temple and them places. A classic line from the pilot show: "They's uh jugga wadder ona back porch, boy; how's about you whup up some wine, huh?" and also, "Fish and bread, fish and bread...cain't yo' cook sumpthin' else, boy?" Common stock holders will receive a rake-off from the net profits on collections taken during "Pro-God Day" (the day after Saturday).

Asked if the "God, Ltd." venture had any chance to showing a profit, Her Holiness said, "Why not? This racket has paid off like a slot machine for over 18 centuries. As P. T. Barnum said, 'there's one born every minute'. We expect to rake it in with both fists. Why only yesterday, Khalil Gibran bought 100 shares of preferred and told me, 'this is where it's at; the royalties on gobblidygook don't amount to a hill of beans'. Yes, We expect that Our corporation will show the biggest margin of profit all-round of any religious venture since (cackle) the Children's Crusade."

LONDON (23 Dec. 1910): It was unseasonably warm in the capital, and a brisk wind was blowing, as PriMin (Prime Minister) Merlin hurried from the Tower after an interview with King-Emperor Huon XVIII and prepared to cross the New Moat. Halfway across, he met a foreign-looking individual in morning pants, a frock coat, and a bur-noose. Under his arm he carried something that looked like a cretinous baboon which could only be loved by its mother. As he approached Merlin, this singular individual sneered, looked down his nose, and said, "You're on my bridge. Get off."

"Sir," said Merlin, "this bridge belongs to His Majesty. I am on official business for the Crown. I must ask you to step aside."

"Certainly not. This is my bridge. Anything I want is obvious-

ly mine...isn't it, Gollum?" He addressed the creature he held under his arm, which looked up, nodded, and made a noise which sounded like "gollumgollumgollumgollumgollum". Returning his attention to Merlin (after feeding "Gollum" a hook, line, and sinker as a reward), the personage continued. "I am MISTER Johnjay ben-Sauron. I am The Ambassador."

Merlin looked puzzled. "You are the ambassador of what?"

"Oh, that would be telling. If you know, you might send them an ambassador, and then I couldn't run things my own way. I do so love getting my own way. Don't I, Gollums?" The creature went "gollumgollumgollum" again and was fed another hook, line, and sinker. "You see, Dickmiller Gollum here agrees with me, so that proves I'm right. He has a degree in adding 2 plus 2, so there!"

"My dear Mr. ben-Sauron. Since I am Primin of this country, I think I should know whom you represent. It seems fair..."

"I don't care. I get to do things my way or I won't do them at all. And that makes you a liar, a thief, and a scoundral, and I never step aside for a liar, a thief, and a scoundral!"

"Well," said Merlin, "I always do." And so saying, he stepped aside, letting ben-Sauron and his pet Gollum pass. Unfortunately, they were both so busy sticking out their tongues that they failed to notice a broken railing and a banana peel. Slipping on the latter, ben-Sauron and Gollum fell through the former and off the bridge, plunging into the crocodile-infested moat below. From the depths came the sounds of rending, tearing, crunching, and chomping, followed by sounds of retching and upchucking. "Poor crocs," thought Merlin as he proceeded on his way.

1970BN - PRESS RELEASES

ROME: To all the Armed Forces of Italy. Due to the unfortunate loss of two supply centers, we are forced to disband a unit for lack of supplies to sustain it. The following unit is therefore to receive no supplies in the future and is therefore to be disbanded:

Army, in Budapest.

We would LIKE to supply transportation back to Italy, but this is impossible due to several impassable obstacles.

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: "We will not bow-down to the world the world will bow to us. We are the master race, and all other races will follow and obey the master. This means we will continue to Sic'en The world Til We die." MJIX said in his latest speech.

ISSMEAL-GAKA: The festival of quiet was put to end by the speech of MJIX.

HYDUNDERABAD: Pandit today announced that MJIX breaker of the truce shall die for "Silence is Golden", and MJIX has taken the gold from the people. The people shall win, gold to the people

ISSMEAL-GAKA: We now go on with the story of the German Reporter & the High Priestess of Mashian:

"I Lust after MJIX!" said the German Reporter.

"you haven't had enough get, one more sallow far me"

• The Russain reporter grabs the High Priestess

"I CAN'T turn you aloose"

"Quick before you be sane and un" says she

"But I'm A God Fearin' MAN" said the Englishman

"It is a Spirtual fantasy" said she

"But it's faster than the speed of Life" she says

"EASY Action from here on in" she says

"Take me far a MAGIC Carpet Ride" he says

After a Long Long Long time of Loving MAKING

"Black as night" the Frenchman said as he started to leave.

"Don't step on the Grass Sam" she told him as he did.

"I'm hooked on Love" mumbled the Italian as he left.

"I'm your captain from now on" said Hasha re appearing in front of the Jew.

The Negro started shaki'n All over...

(This Shall continue so stand by...make the time to Blow your mind) ((PS A \$1 prize to the Person who correctly states all song titles used. Also \$1 to the one who Names the groups. A \$5 to the one who Names all the LPs))

ISSHEMEL-KEP: MJIX bitterly (with Lemons) attacked the press (Not in the seam of his pants) today. "It is Not! Our fault for the English version of our releases but that of the translator." MJIX continued "out Language is hard to transLate seeing As it isn't written but ALL Fwilt (Not used Like in tennis) for being (sic'ed) It is the conspiery of Al-Kap, Nature, the John, And the translator.

HYDUNDERABAD (United Rabble Rousing Press): The truce between Maharajah Kamasutra IX, absolute ruler of this tiny Indian state, and Pandit the Bandit, revolutionary leader of the Peristaltic Movement, was violently broken today. Fighting broke out near the Hydunderabad office of the United Rabble Rousing Press, shortly after a Turkish despatch came over the wire. It spread to Maharajah's Square, interrupting holiday celebrations which had been called to mark the unprecedented truce. The Maharajah accused Pandit the Bandit and his sister Bustya of bad faith in pledging that no further attacks on Hydunderabad would come from Turkey. Pandit, interviewed at his hidden rebel base in the Gonnalaya Mountains, retorted that "if you look at the name signed to those Turkish press releases, there is no doubt that they come from the tyrannous Maharajah. No one here is fooled by his pseudonym of 'MJIX'."

HYDUNDERABAD (URRP): For over forty-eight hours heavy fighting has raged between the government and rebel forces. The Maharajah has five times claimed 'complete, crushing, overwhelming victory against the larcenous handful of malcontents headed by the late Pandit', while Pandit the Bandit has seven times announced the death of the Maharajah and all his bodyguard. Both sides claim that the Turks are secretly backing their enemies. The Maharajah has ordered three Turkish coffee houses closed, while rebel forces have burned down a Turkish delight factory and announced a boycott of Smyrna figs. In addition, his sister Bustya has announced her election to the Chairladyship of Harem Women's Lib, and has informed the press that "his harem girls agree that if Hasha Hisha ever returns they will qualify him to join his own Corps of Eunuchs - which he may as well join, since for the past five or six years he's been behaving as if he were already a charter member".

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BORE-A-BORE-A: Rodney the Squawker, Earl of Enmity, Ruler of the Ridiculous and Sultan of Sententiousness was found bloody and battered, with his clothing in shreds. He has just returned from an Arabian tiger hunt. As he lay there broken, Rodney kept mumbling, "I can't understand it, I can't understand it." He went on to explain, "The tiger fell right into my trap: when he entered his cave I ran in and blocked the entrance. 'Got you at last!' I yelled as I grabbed his tail, and that's the last thing I recall." The caveat: don't fight a tiger, especially an Arabian one, unless you are equipped to handle it.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In GRAUSTARK #239 was a table of the new domestic postal rates. On 1 July new rates for overseas mail came into effect. (These new rates exclude Canada and Mexico, for which all rates, first and third class, surface and air, are the same as the domestic ones.)

Overseas air mail is 17¢ per half ounce for western hemisphere countries, and 21¢ per half ounce for the eastern hemisphere. Aerogrammes and air postcards are 15¢.

For surface mail, postcards are 10¢, while first and third class mail rates are as follows:

POSTAL RATES (in cents)

number of ounces	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1st class, foreign	15	26	34	34	76	76	76	76	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144
3rd class, foreign	8	8	12	12	16	16	20	20	24	24	28	28	32	32	36	36

The exasperation of American conservatives over ping-pong diplomacy with China has produced a backlash from "Rev." Carl McIntire's International Council of Christian Churches. He has arranged for an American tour of a 10-man team from Taiwan, who "will be representing Jesus Christ and the New Testament". (New York Post, 9 June 1971)

It had to come sometime. General Creighton Abrams recently received one of the highest decorations of the Kingdom of Thailand -- the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant. (New York Times, 24 June 1971)

Cops don't like being called "pigs" in England any more than they do here. Recently in St. Ives the police department petitioned in court to have the name of the street on which their police station was located changed from "Pig Lane". (New York Daily World, 30 April 1971) However, the judge turned them down, pointing out that "technically the new building is not on Pig Lane at all, but on a small side street -- called Cemetary Road."

"In the US, a sophisticated process of rationalisation has set in...When black children fail in schools, runs this argument, it is their fault, not the system's. Theories and theorists are, like leaders, often created by the need for them. There being only two possible explanations for the condition of black America, the understandable need of whites to avoid facing one has created Professor Arthur Jensen to validate the other: Negroes are victims of genetic inferiority, not white exploitation. The relief with which his arguments have been received in certain liberal quarters is only exceeded by that afforded to the bashing-your-neighbour-is-the-genetic-norm popularisations of Robert Ardrey and others, which have allowed eager believers to confront the gulf between Western civilisation's principles and practices with equanimity; even if whites have more brain-power, runs the Jensen-Ardrey message, we're all just apes at heart. Medical and scientific witnesses have never shown themselves more immune from racism than the rest of us." -- Colin McGlashan, New Statesman, 7 May 1971 (with thanks to Ethel Lindsay)

This is
O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

If a number appears in the upper right corner of the address label on this issue of GRAUSTARK, it is the number of the issue with which your paid subscription will expire. Present, former, and stand-by players in games have in that corner a letter indicating their game: "J" for 1970J, "W" for 1970W, "B" for 1970BB, "N" for 1970BN, or "Q" for 1970BQ. "I" means that we trade our postal Diplomacy publications, while "S" means that this issue is a sample copy inviting you to subscribe.

The rarest such letter is "C", indicating that this is a complimentary copy going to persons whose long service to Diplomacy entitles them to receive GRAUSTARK free honoris causa. Until now, only Allan B. Calhamor, who invented the game, and John Moot, who is as a Games Research executive its publisher, have rated "C's". Forthwith GRAUSTARK doubles this list by adding to it John J. Beshara, head of The Diplomacy Association and Gamesmaster of 1970BB, and Harry Manogg, Kankakoo's most eminent Diplomacy player, pornographer,

and vexillologist.

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Readers may want further elucidation on the point, mentioned on p. 5, that the modern Lebanese are substantially the ancient Canaanites. When the Israelites conquered the southern half of Canaan in the 12th century BCE, it was inhabited by people who took their name from the reddish-purple dye produced by a local shellfish; this was "Kana'an" in their own language and later was "Phoenicia" in Greek. They spoke Hebrew, along with such neighboring peoples as the Moabites, Ammonites, Amalekites, Edomites, and others who traced their ancestry to the eponymous "Eber". (It is not known what language the Israelites spoke at the time. Aramaic is as good a guess as any.) The southern regions, which fell under the rule of Yahweh-worshipping kings (Israel, Judah) were politically and culturally separated from the northern Canaanite/Phoenician city-states along the coast, though their rulers adopted the Canaanite language which we now call "Hebrew". Many centuries later the Muslim Arabs overran this whole region. The Canaanites, who had maintained their cultural identity under Assyrian, Chaldean, Persian, Greek, and Roman rule, took on the new language but generally managed to maintain the Christian religion and the well-known commercial acumen of the Phoenicians. To this day their culture is quite diverse from that of the Arab-speaking peoples of neighboring countries. It is "Arab" only in language.

A PEACE PLAN FOR THE MIDDLE EAST (continued from p. 7)

a global government which may someday make war altogether impossible, or at least improbable.

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